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P&G CASE: 7315

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

John D. Curry, et al.

Serial No: 09/830,250

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FOR: Methods for Laundering Delicate Garments in a Washing Machine**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY DATED****OCTOBER 31, 2003**

The Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants are responding to the Office Action dated October 31, 2003. This Response is being timely filed within the 3-month response period on Monday, February 2, 2004 as the 3-month response period due date of January 31, 2004 fell on a Saturday.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper. Support for the amendment to Claim 20 is found on page 29, lines 7 - 20.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.